

Welcome to our newsletter for this half of the spring term. As you will be aware, the academy will close to most children from tomorrow. This newsletter will, as always, share updates from the academy as well as give clear information on how the academy will be running until further notice.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask any member of the team.

Staff News

In happy news, we shared with Y1 parents earlier this week, that Mrs Pinchin is expecting a baby in May. In order to keep herself and her baby safe, and following the advice of Public Health England, she is currently isolating prior to her maternity leave. We would like to take this opportunity to wish her and her family well and we look forward to sharing news in the coming months.

Both Mrs Cuffe and Mr Spence remain off due to injury and we continue to send them our best wishes and a speedy recovery.

As Executive Headteacher of Pennymann, I am pleased to share with you that Mrs Barkley has been appointed as Headteacher of Viewley Hill Academy from September 2020.

Mrs Barkley has worked here for the past 9 years and has been such an integral part of our academy journey to excellence. It has been a privilege to work with her during this time and I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all her hard work and dedication to Pennymann and the Trust. I also want to wish her much success in her role at Viewley Hill, as I know she will be fantastic.

She will remain as Head here until July, and I will share with you all the transition details when we fully open following the coronavirus closure. I do wish to reassure you that Mrs Fawcett, Mrs Hood and myself are here too.

Miss K Morley

Welcome back to Facebook!

We are delighted to share with you that we have been able to re-open our facebook account again today.

We had intended to do this at Easter, but appreciate that having this as another communication tool will be helpful at this time.

Please join us on facebook and look out for our achievements, ways you can help your child at home, and Coronavirus updates.

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

The remainder of this newsletter will provide you with all the information you need on how the academy will be operating from Monday. Please read all the information below and on the back page so you are fully informed on how the academy will be running.

THE ACADEMY WILL BE PARTIALLY OPEN FROM MONDAY

THE CHILDREN OF FRONTLINE STAFF AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN ARE ABLE TO

Who are frontline staff?

Frontline staff have one of these jobs:

Member of police, fire, ambulance or prison service , Social Care Worker, NHS Staff, Carer or Care Worker, Supermarket Staff, Food Delivery Staff, school staff.

All parents have received a message about this earlier today. You must have informed us today if you have one of the roles above and your child will be in the academy next week. We need to know this today in order to staff the academy safely next week.

CHILDREN ATTENDING MUST DO SO ALL WEEK. THEY CAN NOT JUST ATTEND FOR SOME DAYS AS THIS DOES NOT ALLOW US TO PLAN FOR SCHOOL MEALS AND STAFFING TO KEEP EVERYONE SAFE.

Who are vulnerable children?

Children classed as vulnerable are those who:

- Have , or are awaiting, a social worker.
- Have an EHCP

These families have been contacted by the academy today around attending next week.

WHEN IS THE ACADEMY OPEN AND WHO CAN ATTEND?

They academy day will run from **9am—3pm**.

The academy is open to the children of frontline staff and vulnerable children. We must know by the Thursday of each week if your child will be attending the next week. This is to allow us to staff safely.

Children attending should enter the academy through the Key Stage 2 gate which will be open from 8.50am and again from 2.50pm.

ALL OTHER CHILDREN SHOULD STAY AT HOME.

PLEASE BE AWARE THE ACADEMY WOULD CLOSE IF UNABLE TO CARE SAFELY FOR CHILDREN DUE TO STAFF ISOLATION LEVELS.

My Child is entitled to Free School Meals.....

A lunch will be provided from the academy for all children who are entitled to free school meals. This includes universal free school meals, which means all those in Reception , Year 1 and Year 2.

For those at the academy between 9-3pm a packed lunch, cold or hot meal will be provided for these children, dependent on foods available.

Between 11.30—1pm packed lunches can be collected from the breakfast club entrance at the large hall. Staff will be there to give these out. Those with no symptoms should come and collect these during these times.

Any food left at the end of the day will be distributed throughout the community.

ISOLATION

Any one with symptoms, or living with someone with symptoms, must self isolate for 14 days.

Please ensure you continue to follow the guidance of Public Health England. Links are available on our website and on facebook.

SOCIAL MEDIA

We will continue to update you with the academy position, as well as with useful numbers and support. Please check your mobile, marvellous me app, the website and Facebook for daily details.

Thank you for your continued support.